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Title: Method and System for	:	Research Triangle Park, NC 27709
Optimally Selecting a Web	:	
Firewall in a TCP/IP Network	:	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the initial review, please amend the enclosed application for patent as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 15: please replace "language" with --protocol--.

Page 2, line 6: Please change "use" to --user--, insert --the-- after "integrates" and replace "format" with --formatting--.

Page 2, line 14: Please change "sound" to --audio-- and change "graphics" to --image (graphics)--.

Page 3, line 18: Please insert --servers-- after "Web".